

REPORT OF THE ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Alton Historical Society had a successful and productive year. Our programs were varied, interesting and well attended. The society presented a local history challenge to the Alton School eighth graders. They were asked to take a subject, research it and prepare a presentation for a meeting of the Alton Historical Society. Cristine Adams and Kyle Campbell tied for first place and C.J. Conners was the second place winner. Monetary prizes were awarded.

Our main focus was, again, the J. Jones Freight Building. The electrical work was completed in the future museum half of the building by Rines Electric, which included wiring, outlets, lights (inside and outside), exit signs and smoke detectors. Two outside decks measuring 5 ft. by 8 ft. including railings and stairs were built for exits at two of the sliding doors on the long side. Also on the long side seven windows were repaired, scraped, primed and have two coats of finish paint.

Society members had the opportunity to get 1,100 pieces of antique roof slate for the Loon Cove Station, resulting in a donation to the Society from the DRC. We also purchased 74 slightly used padded conference room chairs from the Wolfeboro Inn auction.

The Museum Committee continued to work on completing binders with all the information that pertains to the different sections of Alton. The Main Street Committee had provided us with binders for all the years that the *Main Street* was published. We now have a collection of all the papers published. An index has been made for each binder for easy access to information. There are still many duplicate issues that are free for the taking is anyone is interested in any of them.

We were honored to receive the following donations: two large Victorian wood stoves from Robert Buchanan, \$1,000 from the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, two 1890's hand crank RR crossing gates from the Nicolazo Family, a lighted case holding memorabilia of Alton Native, Captain Stuart Drew, and the large wooden Camp Kehonka Duck that once transported campers, donated by the Ballentine Family.

A website has been established: www.altonhistoricalsociety.org. On this site you will find our program schedule, officers, special events, and facts about the museum, progress on the freight building and how to contact us. "Alton, A Town to Remember" is still available for purchase.

The executive board would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to all who have worked on the building and fundraisers. Anyone who wishes to volunteer, become a Historical Society member, receive our program or visit the museum, please contact Nancy Thomas at 387-1544.

Respectfully submitted,

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